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Report from Veracruz—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Sickness on steamship Colonial from Colon—Yellow fever at Veracruz.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, August 28, as follows:
Week ended August 26, 1905:

Vessels inspected and bills of health issued.....	8
Vessels fumigated with sulphur to kill mosquitoes.....	2
Number of crew inspected	385
Number of passengers inspected	173

On board the steamship *Rose Lea* a large number of mosquito larvæ were found in a barrel on deck. They were emptied overboard. A sample kept to secure adults showed the common form of *Culex* prevalent here, probably *Culex pungens*.

The steamship *Colonial* from Colon and bound for Galveston via Tampico had 2 engineers sick, probably from malarial fever. The vessel lay in the open bay while at Veracruz. Several mosquitoes were seen in the rooms of the men, 1 being a female *Anopheles*.

One steerage passenger on the steamship *Montevideo*, bound for New York via Habana, had a temperature of 39° C. and was returned ashore.

Two cases of yellow fever were reported at Veracruz during the week.

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Reports from Bluefields, fruit port—Quarantine regulations.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Layton reports as follows: Week ended September 3, 1905: Present officially estimated population, 3,500; number of deaths, 6. Five out of the 6 deaths recorded should have appeared in last weekly report, but they were not entered in the official register in time. The only death recorded this week occurred on August 30; cause of death unknown. Prevailing diseases, malarial fever, dysentery, and phthisis pulmonalis; general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

Bills of health were issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.	Pieces of baggage disinfected.
Aug. 30	Bluefields.....	Mobile	24	0	0
Sept. 3	Dictator.....	do	18	0	0

At the last meeting of the local health authorities, it was decided to detain in quarantine for 5 days all steamers arriving from southern ports in the United States without medical officers on board.

Steamers arriving from Mobile with a medical officer on board are not detained. Steamers from infected ports, such as New Orleans, even if they have a medical officer, are to be detained 5 days from the time of arrival. There are no vessels from the latter port now.